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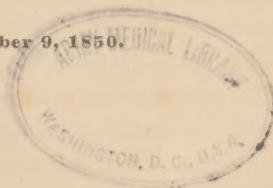
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WILL OF DR. JOHN KEARSLEY.

“I do give and devise unto a certain corporation, by charter lately created, by the name of ‘The Rector, Church-Wardens, and Vestrymen of the United Episcopal Churches of Christ Church and Saint Peter’s Church, in the City of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania,’ and their successors, the sum of eight hundred pounds Pennsylvania currency, to be paid in cash, or the assignment of any bond or bonds, as my executors or any of them shall think fit. And, moreover, I give and devise unto the said corporation and their successors all those my ground-rents or rent charges paying not more than five pounds ten shillings Pennsylvania currency yearly; and all of the said rents paying yearly under that sum, amounting in the whole to the sum of twenty-four pounds eleven shillings and sixpence Pennsylvania currency yearly, to be sold by my executors, and the moneys arising by the sale thereof, together with the above eight hundred pounds, I will shall be made use of by the said corporation and their successors for the purchasing of a piece or lot of land, and the building thereon an infirmary or alms-house or alms-houses for ten or more poor or distressed women of the communion of the Church of England, or such as the said corporation and their successors shall deem such (preferring clergymen’s widows before others), and supplying them with meat and drink, and lodging, and the assistance of persons practising physic and surgery, by and out of the same moneys and by and

out of such sum or sums of money or revenues as I shall hereafter appoint for that purpose, and by and out of such other legacies and donations as any other person or persons shall will and appoint for the same purpose; and it is my mind and will that the said infirmary or alms-house or alms-houses, when erected, shall be called Christ Church Hospital, and not otherwise. And it is my mind and will that the said corporation and their successors shall provide a house or houses for the reception of the said poor and distressed persons, or some convenient lodging or house of entertainment (should such house or houses be wanting) till such time as the infirmary or alms-house or alms-houses aforesaid shall be erected, pursuant to this my will. And, moreover, I do give and devise unto the said corporation and their successors (after the determination of my said wife Margaret's estate aforesaid devised), my said two messuages in Front street, my Lætitia Court messuage, my pasture land in the Northern Liberties which I purchased of Levi Budd and Thomas Hart, my two High Street messuages or tenements which Blanch Roberts and Samuel Taylor now dwell in, and all my ground-rents or rent charges paying yearly above the sum of five pounds ten shillings Pennsylvania currency, amounting in the whole to forty-two pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence, with one other ground-rent or rent charges paying yearly four pounds ten shillings sterling, current money of Great Britain, with their and every of their appurtenances. In trust for the said corporation and their successors, to lease from time to time, as they shall think fit, to any person or persons for any term or number of years, or for one or more life or lives, for raising moneys annually for a fund for supplying and providing the aforesaid infirmary, alms-house or alms-houses, or the poor people thereof (my pasture ground aforesaid only excepted, concerning which it is my mind and will, and I do hereby authorize my executors hereafter named to sell the same for the most it will fetch, and the moneys arising by the sale thereof to be added by the said corporation and their successors to the fund hereinbefore mentioned for such and the same use or uses, and to no other use or purposes whatsoever. Provided always, nevertheless, that if the said corporation and their successors, or a majority of them, for the time being, judge and conclude it most for the benefit and advantage of the afore-

said infirmary or alms-house or alms-houses not to lease the aforesaid ground-rents or rent charges or any of them paying yearly above five pounds ten shillings Pennsylvania currency, with one other ground-rent or rent charge of four pounds ten shillings sterling money of Great Britain. Then and in such case it is my mind and will, and I do hereby empower and authorize the said corporation and their successors to receive the same yearly ground-rents or rent charges and every one of them as the same shall hereafter respectively grow due and payable, and upon receipt thereof to be added by the said corporation and their successors to the fund aforesaid, to be applied to such and the same use or uses, and to no other use or purpose whatsoever. Likewise, I do give unto the said corporation and their successors the legacy of one hundred pounds left in my care by the Rev. Mr. Archibald Cummings, the interest thereof to be distributed yearly at Christmas amongst the poor and distressed members of Christ Church, Philadelphia, aforesaid; which moneys are in the hands of Messrs. William and Cornelius Bradford, in Philadelphia. And I do will and order that the said corporation and their successors, annually elected to serve for any one year, shall meet annually on the second Monday immediately next after Easter, from time to time, to make such laws, rules, and orders as shall appear to them, or a majority of them, useful and necessary for the governing, ordering, and regulating the said infirmary or alms-house or alms-houses, and all other things concerning the same, and to choose one fit person, not of their number, to be treasurer, to continue in that office until the next election of members of the said corporation for the succeeding year, and so annually forever; which treasurer shall give bond to the said corporation and their successors, conditioned that he will, when thereunto required by the said corporation for the time being, render an account of all moneys and effects that shall come to his hands by virtue of his office, and at the going out of his office he will pay and deliver the balance thereof, with the books of account and other writings relating to his said office unto his successors in the same office. And I do will that in all things touching the choice and special duty of a treasurer, and also the receiving in of poor sick or distressed persons, and supplying them with meat, drink, lodging, and the assistance of persons

practising physic and surgery, the said corporation and their successors shall proceed as nigh as possibly may be in the managing and conducting the same, as is set forth in a by-law or ordinance founded on an act of General Assembly of this province, entitled 'An act for the encouraging the establishing of an hospital for the relief of the sick poor of this province, and for the reception and cure of lunatics,' passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of the late king, George the Second. And I do nominate and appoint my said dear and loving wife Margaret, and my much esteemed friends Amos Strettell and John Swift, both of the said city of Philadelphia, Esquires, to be sole executors of this my last will and testament; and I do give unto each of them the said Amos Strettell and John Swift that shall take upon him or them the care and burden of executorship, one gold ring, with the sum of twenty-five pounds current money of Pennsylvania, in full for their trouble. And I do give the residuum of my estate, both real and personal, whatsoever or wheresoever (if the same residuum exceed not in value the sum of three hundred pounds Pennsylvania currency), unto my said dear wife Margaret; but if the same residuum shall exceed the said sum of three hundred pounds, then the same excess shall be paid into the hands of the said corporation and their successors for the purposes aforesaid. And it is my mind and will that what I have hereinbefore given or devised unto my said wife Margaret, is and shall be deemed for and in lieu of her dower or thirds of my estate, and not otherwise. And furthermore, it is my mind that if any doubt, question, or controversy shall arise touching the affairs of the infirmary or alms-houses aforesaid, that the same shall be referred unto the attorney general of this province, the mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and the rector of Christ Church aforesaid; and what they or the major part of them shall award thereupon in writing under their hands or the hands of the major part of them, shall be fully conclusive unto all persons concerned. And I do declare this only to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all and every other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof, I, the said John Kearsley, the testator, have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine.

"JOHN KEARSLEY." [SEAL.]

EXTRACT FROM THE CODICIL.

"I have purchased of the acting executors of the last will and testament of John Gaul, deceased, a certain messuage or tenement and lot or piece of ground thereunto belonging, situate on the north side of Mulberry Street, in the city of Philadelphia, and extends from thence northward to Cherry Street, which I think a suitable place to erect an infirmary or alms-house. All which said messuage or tenement and lot or piece of ground I do give and devise unto a certain corporation by charter lately created, by the name of 'The Rector, Church-Wardens, and Vestrymen of the united Episcopal Churches of Christ Church and Saint Peter's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania,' and their successors forever, over and besides what I have given them by my foregoing will. In trust, that the said corporation and their successors shall convert the said messuage or tenements into an infirmary or alms-house, to be called Christ Church Hospital, for the use and subject to the regulations in my said last will and testament mentioned, and to no other use, intent, or purpose whatsoever. And, lastly, it is my desire that this my present codicil be a part of my said last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the twenty-third day of December, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine.

"JNO. KEARSLEY." [SEAL.]

Mr. Joseph Dobbins, late of the State of South Carolina, formerly of the city of Philadelphia, gave to the Hospital, by Deed dated Sept. 8th, 1789, a lot of ground in North Fifth Street, adjoining Christ Church Burial-Ground on the south; and a square of ground bounded by Spruce, Pine, Schuylkill Fourth and Fifth Streets; with £500 in money.

He also, by his will, left considerable personal property for the benefit of the Institution.

The ordinance of the Pennsylvania Hospital to which Dr. Kearsley refers in his will, after providing for the election of the Managers and Treasurer by the contributors, proceeds to enumerate the duties of the Treasurer, as follows:—

“And it is further enacted by the contributors aforesaid, that every Treasurer hereafter chosen shall, before he take upon himself the execution of his office, enter into an obligation, with one sufficient surety, in double the value that doth or probably may come into his hands during the continuance of his office, as near as can be estimated by the Managers, unto the contributors of the Pennsylvania Hospital; conditioned that he will, once in three months, or oftener if required, render his accounts to the Managers of the said Hospital, and well and truly account, adjust and settle with them when required, for and concerning all moneys that are, or shall come into his hands belonging to the said contributors, and pay the balance that shall appear on such settlement to be in his hands, unto such person, or for such service as a Board of Managers for the time being shall order and appoint, and not otherwise; and that he will, at the expiration of his office, well and truly deliver up and pay the balance of the moneys then remaining in his hands, together with the books of accounts concerning the same, and other the papers and writings in his keeping belonging to the contributors, unto his successor in the said office; and that he will do and execute all other things as Treasurer to the contributors aforesaid, according to the true sense and meaning of this law. And he is hereby authorized, immediately upon entering into his office, to demand and receive of the preceding Treasurer, his heirs, executors, or administrators, the cash, books of accounts, writings, and other effects belonging to the corporation, giving his receipt for the same.”

And further as to his liabilities:—

* [“And if any person so elected Treasurer shall absent himself from his said office for the space of thirty days, or shall be otherwise rendered incapable, or neglect his office or duty of Treasurer, it shall and may be lawful for the Managers for the

* The clause within the brackets has been superseded as to Christ Church Hospital by an Act of Assembly, which see hereafter.

time being to displace him from the said office; and the Managers causing their clerk to make a minute for the purpose, containing their reasons for displacing him, he shall thereupon and from thenceforth cease to be the Treasurer aforesaid, and shall, upon notice thereof, adjust and settle with the Managers, and pay and deliver the money, books, writings, accounts, and all other effects whatsoever in his hands belonging to this corporation, to such person or persons as the Managers shall order and appoint; and in that case, and so often, and also if the Treasurer shall depart this life, the Managers shall nominate another of the members of this corporation, but not of their own number, to be Treasurer until the next meeting for the annual election, or other general meeting of the contributors.”]

“ Rules agreed to by the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Admission and Discharge of Patients.

“ *First*, That no patients shall be admitted whose cases are judged incurable, lunatics excepted; nor any whose cases do not require the particular conveniences of a Hospital.

“ *Secondly*, That no person having the small-pox, itch, or other infectious distempers shall be admitted until there are proper apartments prepared for the reception of such as are afflicted with those diseases; and, if any such persons should be inadvertently admitted, they shall forthwith be discharged.

“ *Thirdly*, That women having young children shall not be received unless their children are taken care of elsewhere, that the Hospital may not be burthened with the maintenance of such children, nor the patients disturbed with their noise.

“ *Fourthly*, That all persons desirous of being admitted into the Hospital (not inhabitants of Philadelphia) must, before they leave their abode, have their cases drawn up in a plain manner, and sent to the Managers, together with a certificate from a justice of peace, and the overseer or overseers of the poor of the township in which they reside, that they have gained a residence in such township, and are unable to pay for medicines and attendance: to which an answer shall speedily be returned, informing them whether and when they may be admitted. All persons employed in drawing up their cases are desired to be particular

in enumerating the symptoms, and to mention the patient's age, sex, and place of abode, with the distance from the city of Philadelphia.

“*Fifthly*, That all persons who have thus obtained a letter of license to be received into the Hospital must be there at the time mentioned for their reception, and bring with them that letter; and must likewise deposit in the hands of the treasurer so much money, or give such security as shall be mentioned in their respective letters of license, to indemnify the Hospital either from the expense of burial, in case they die, or to defray the expense of carrying them back to their place of abode, and that they may not become a charge to the city.

“*Sixthly*, If several persons, not excluded by the preceding exceptions, are applying when they cannot be received, without exceeding the number allowed by the Managers to be entertained at one time in the Hospital, the preference will be given, when the cases are equally urgent, first to such as are recommended by one or more of the contributors, members of this corporation, residing in the township to which the poor persons belong; secondly, to those who stand first in the list of applications: but if some cases are urgent, and others can admit of delay, those with the most urgent symptoms shall be preferred.

“*Seventhly*, Notwithstanding such letters of license, if it shall appear by a personal examination of any of the patients that their cases are misrepresented, and that they are improper subjects of the Hospital, the Managers shall have the power of refusing them admission.

“*Eighthly*, That at least one bed shall be provided for accidents that require immediate relief.

“*Ninthly*, That if there shall be room in the Hospital to spare, after as many poor patients are accommodated as the interest of the capital stock can support, the Managers shall have the liberty of taking in other patients, at such reasonable rates as they can agree for; and the profits arising from boarding and nursing such patients shall be appropriated to the same uses as the interest-money of the public stock. Provided that no such persons, under pretence of coming to board in the Hospital, shall be admitted unless, on the first application made on his behalf, a certificate be produced, from the overseer or over-

seers of the poor of the township in which he lives, of his having gained a residence in the said township; and unless sufficient security be given to the Managers to indemnify the city and Hospital from all charges and expenses whatsoever occasioned by his removing hither.

“ *Tenthly*, That those who are taken into the Hospital at a private expense may employ any physicians or surgeons they desire.

“ *Eleventhly*, That all persons who have been admitted into the Hospital shall be discharged as soon as they are cured, or, after a reasonable time of trial, are judged incurable.

“ *Twelfthly*, That all patients, when cured, sign certificates of their particular cases, and of the benefit they have received in this Hospital, to be either published or otherwise disposed of, as the Managers may think proper.

“ *Thirteenthly*, That no patient go out of the Hospital without leave from one of the physicians or surgeons, first signified to the Matron. That they do not swear, curse, get drunk, behave rudely or indecently, on pain of expulsion after the first admonition.

“ *Fourteenthly*, That no patient presume to play at cards, dice, or any other game within the Hospital, or to beg anywhere in the city of Philadelphia, on pain of being discharged for irregularity.

“ *Fifteenthly*, That such patients as are able shall assist in nursing others, washing and ironing the linen, washing and cleaning the rooms, and such other services as the Matron shall require.”

“ *Rules to be observed in the choice of the Physicians and Surgeons of the Pennsylvania Hospital, to limit and appoint their number, authority and duty, and to raise a fund for supplying the said Hospital with Medicines.*

“ *Imprimis*, The Managers of the said Hospital shall, within ten days after their first meeting in the month called May, yearly, choose six practitioners in physic and surgery to visit and take care of the patients in the said Hospital, and the other practitioners (who are at this time members of this corporation)

shall have the privilege of attending and observing the practice of those chosen for the service of the year.

“*Secondly*, The practitioners chosen shall give their attendance at such times, and in such manner, and be classed with each other, as shall be concluded and agreed upon by the Managers and practitioners.

“*Thirdly*, Upon extraordinary cases, the practitioners in attendance shall call in two or more of the practitioners chosen for the service of the year, to consult with.

“*Fourthly*, In all such cases, which will admit of time for deliberation, all the six practitioners, chosen for the service of the year, shall have timely notice thereof.

“*Fifthly*, If any practitioner be removed by the Managers for neglect of duty, or any other cause, or shall die, in that case the Managers shall choose another practitioner (who is a member of this corporation) to supply his place.

“*Sixthly*, Each apprentice or other student the practitioners shall introduce to see the practice of the Hospital shall pay one English guinea, or thirty-four shillings, current money, per year, to be laid out in medicines, or such other manner as the Managers think most proper.

“*Seventhly*, No practitioner, during the term for which he is chosen to serve the Hospital, shall act as a Manager.

“*Eighthly*, The practitioners shall keep a fair account (in a book provided for that purpose) of the several patients under their care, of the disorders they labor under, and shall enter in the said book the receipts or prescriptions they make for each of them.

“*Ninthly*, No person shall be received hereafter as a candidate, to be employed in the said Hospital as a physician or surgeon, until he be a member of this corporation, and of the age of twenty-seven years, hath served a regular apprenticeship in this city or suburbs; hath studied physick or surgery seven years or more, and hath undergone an examination of six of the practitioners of the Hospital, in the presence of the Managers, and is approved of by them; and with respect to strangers, they shall have resided three years or more in this city, and shall be examined and approved of in the manner and under the restrictions aforesaid.”

The Corporation of Christ Church and St. Peter's Church mentioned in the will was chartered A. D. 1765.

This Charter was enlarged and extended by the addition of St. James' Church A. D. 1809.

Christ Church and St. Peter's Church were again made one corporation, and St. James' Church chartered separately, A. D. 1829.

Christ Church and St. Peter's Church were erected into separate Corporations by an Act of Assembly, passed January, 1832, the ninth section of which thus refers to the Hospital.

“Section IX.

“And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the legal property of Christ Church Hospital shall be in the rector, church-wardens, and vestrymen of Christ Church, but the charity is to be managed by six persons, three to be chosen by Christ Church corporation, and the other three to be chosen by St. Peter's Church corporation annually, at the first meeting after Easter. And that as to other charity funds, The charity funds given to the respective churches by name, or for the use of their members particularly, shall be the property of the respective churches in trust. And that in all cases, in which the charity has been vested in the churches, or in trustees for the use of the members of the churches generally, the legal property shall remain in the trustees or go to the churches as joint tenants, the income of the trust estate and funds to be equally divided between the churches, for distribution by them separately among the objects designated by the donors.”

Some deficiencies having been discovered in this Act, a Supplement was procured to be passed in March, 1848, as follows:

A Supplement to an Act, passed January 13th, 1832, entitled “An Act for erecting Christ Church and Saint Peter's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, into separate corporations.”

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this Act, the Managers*

of Christ Church Hospital shall always be chosen from the members of the vestry of the Church, by the corporation of which they shall be respectively chosen; and in case of vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, in the Board of Managers of said Hospital, the vestry of the church in whose delegation the vacancy shall have occurred shall have power to fill the same by an election for the unexpired residue of the current annual term.

SECTION 2. That the said Managers shall have full power and authority from time to time to make and enforce rules and regulations for the management and administration of said Hospital, and the government of the house and its inmates, in conformity with the will of the founder, *Provided* that all such rules and regulations, which shall at any time be so made, shall be by the said Managers forthwith communicated and submitted to the respective vestries of Christ Church and St. Peter's Church; and if the same or any part thereof shall within two years thereafter be disapproved by a vote or resolution of either of said vestries, the rules and regulations so disapproved shall thenceforth be null and void and of none effect.

SECTION 3. That there shall be a joint meeting of the vestries of the said respective Churches held at Christ Church Hospital, on the second Monday after Easter Sunday annually, at five o'clock in the afternoon; and it shall be the duty of the accounting wardens of said churches respectively to give written notice of said meeting to the members of their respective vestries, at least forty-eight hours before the same is to take place; and said meeting shall appoint a Chairman and Secretary from the members present, and the Chairman shall then appoint two persons, one from each corporation, to act as tellers of the election of Treasurer of Christ Church Hospital; and the nominations for Treasurer shall then be made (but no member of either of said vestries shall be a candidate), and thereafter the meeting shall proceed to the election of a Treasurer, which shall be by ballot; and the person having the highest number of votes, if a majority of the whole number present, shall be declared duly elected Treasurer of Christ Church Hospital; but if no candidate shall have a majority after the first ballot, another ballot shall be taken, and the person having the greatest number of

votes, not less than one-third of the number of the vestrymen present, shall be declared duly elected.

SECTION 4. That if either of said vestries shall at any time adopt a resolution that it is inexpedient* to remove the Treasurer, such vestry shall have power to call a joint meeting of both vestries, to be held at Christ Church Hospital, at any time after forty-eight hours' notice, for the purpose of considering and disposing of the question of such removal. And said meeting shall remove the said Treasurer if they see fit; and in case any person elected Treasurer, as aforesaid, shall refuse to serve, or in case of vacancy by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, a special election shall be held for Treasurer, upon forty-eight hours' notice, to be given in the manner before prescribed, by the accounting wardens, or if they do not concur, then by the Managers of Christ Church Hospital, at which special election the like proceedings shall be had as at the stated elections; and a minute book shall be kept at the Hospital, in which the secretary of such meeting for the election or removal of a Treasurer shall note particularly the proceedings thereto.

SECTION 5. That the Treasurer, in conformity with the will of Doctor Kearsley, shall, before entering on the duties of his office, give bond in such sum and with such surety as may be approved of by the Managers of Christ Church Hospital; and shall hold his office till the next annual election, and till his successor in office shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 6. That the Managers of Christ Church Hospital shall have full power and authority to make, and, from time to time at their discretion, to call in and change all investments of the funds of the Institution, and to make all repairs and leases of the real estate belonging thereto.

SECTION 7. That the limitations of the incomes of the several corporations mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, shall not be construed to prevent or restrain the said corporations jointly or severally from holding estates, real, personal, or mixed in trust, for any pious or charitable uses whatsoever.

* *Inexpedient*—so in the printed laws, but of course an error for *expedient*.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF
CHRIST CHURCH HOSPITAL.

Law I. Meetings of the Board.

The stated meetings of the Board shall be held as follows: to wit, on the second Monday after Easter, in accordance with the will of the founder, immediately after the adjournment of the joint meeting of the vestries on that day; and thereafter, on the first Monday of every month, at such hour as the Board shall determine upon. Special Meetings shall be held at the written request of any two of the Managers, or at the call of the Chairman.

Law II. On Organization and Election of Officers.

At the first stated meeting, the Managers shall organize by electing a Chairman and Secretary, pro tem., for the purpose of examining the certificates of the choice of Managers by Christ Church and St. Peter's Church; after which they shall proceed to elect a Chairman and Secretary to serve for the year. Immediately thereafter, they shall proceed to elect the following officers, to wit: a Matron, a Physician, a Collector, and a Chaplain or Chaplains; and shall fix the salaries of the same.

The Board shall then proceed to make such laws, rules, and orders as they may deem necessary for the management of the Hospital.

Law III. Of the Chairman and Secretary.

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Board, and to appoint Committees.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take charge of all the books and papers belonging to the Board; to keep minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, which shall embrace the names of the members present at such meeting, and to furnish to the Chairman, as soon as possible after the organization of the Board, a list of the order of business for each stated meeting of the year, derived from ancient usage of the Board.

Law IV. Of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer, elected in conformity with an Act of Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, passed March 27, 1848, entitled "A Supplement to an Act," &c., passed Jan. 13, 1832, shall give bond in conformity with the will of the Founder of the Hospital, to be approved of by this Board. He shall keep in a Bank approved by the Board a separate account as "Treasurer of Christ Church Hospital;" shall receive all moneys paid him by the Collector, and shall himself collect all dividends and interest on Stocks and Public Loans; shall pay all orders drawn on him by direction of the Board; shall keep a separate account of each respective property; and shall render a general account to the Board whenever so required.

Law V. Committee on Accounts and Estate.

A Committee of two members shall be appointed to serve for the year, to be called "The Standing Committee on Accounts and Estate." The duty of the said Committee shall be to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and ascertain if all the rents, interest, and other income have been duly collected and credited; to compare the charges for payments made by him with the vouchers thereof, to certify to his accounts, and report to the Board thereon, when so required, and to cause the orders paid by him to be secured in the Order book, in the several places from which they were cut. It shall also be the duty of the said Committee to have a general supervision of the property of the

Institution; to visit as often as convenient the several portions of its Real Estate, and to examine, at least once in three months, the list of its Personal Estate, and the evidences of the same; and to report to the Board such changes of investment, alterations, improvements, increase of rents, &c., as may from time to time become necessary or desirable. They shall have power on any sudden emergency to direct a repair on any property not exceeding \$100.

Law VI. Of the Visiting Committee.

The Managers shall constitute a Visiting Committee for the year, and for that purpose shall stand in an order to be established by the Board at its first stated meeting. The individual service of each member shall be so given that two members shall be the visiting committee for a week; one member for any week shall be a member for the succeeding week, and no member shall serve more than two successive weeks. Their duty shall be to inquire into the welfare of the household, to see that the Rules for its government are complied with, and to aid the Matron with needful advice and assistance.

Law VII. Of the Matron.

It shall be the duty of the Matron to cause the house to be kept in cleanly order; to procure wholesome provisions, and see them properly cared for and prepared for the use of the inmates of the House; to take care that all are comfortably lodged and otherwise accommodated; to attend with fidelity and tenderness to the sick, administering the medicines which may be prescribed for their relief; to have generally in charge the whole domestic economy of the House, following the "Rules and Regulations for the government of the House," and the directions which she shall from time to time receive from the Board and the Visiting Committees; and duly to report to the Board her proceedings, and such information as may be necessary to enable them to conduct it correctly. She shall enter in a book provided for the purpose all articles purchased by her for the House, with the cost of each.

Law VIII. Of the Physician.

The Physician shall give attendance and prescribe in all cases of sickness at the Hospital, shall visit it at least once in every week, and shall report to the Board the name and age of every patient who dies in the Hospital, and such other information as he may think would be of interest to the Board.

Law IX. Of the Chaplain or Chaplains.

It shall be the duty of the Chaplain or Chaplains to visit the sick and afflicted in the House as frequently as he or they may find necessary, and to hold a stated religious service in the house at least once in each week, at which all the inmates of the House, who are able, shall be required to attend. When there is more than one Chaplain, they shall make such arrangements for change between themselves as they may think best for the spiritual welfare of the House.

Law X. Of Admissions.

Application for admission into the House must be in writing, in accordance with such form as the Board may adopt, and may be placed on file at the direction of the Board. When a vacancy shall occur in the House, such existing applications as the Board may direct shall be referred to a special committee, whose duty it shall be to visit the applicants and to inquire into their character, situation, habits of life, and manners, and report thereon to the next meeting of the Board. Any applicant recommended by such committee may be admitted by a vote of the majority of the whole Board.

Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Board, when it shall deem proper, from authorizing any such special committee to admit an applicant to the House before making report to the Board.

Law XI.

These By-Laws may be added to or altered, at any stated meeting, on the unanimous vote of all the managers; or, if one month's notice of the intended alteration or addition has been

given to the Board, on the vote of a majority of all the Managers. A two-thirds' majority of all the Managers may at any meeting suspend the action of the By-Laws.

Law XII. Of the Quorum.

Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but two members shall be a quorum for drawing orders for the ordinary expenses of the House.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

CHRIST CHURCH HOSPITAL.

1st. The Matron shall have the entire charge of the house, and keep it in neat order, under the direction of the Managers and Visiting Committee; she is to enforce the rules of the house, to be present at meals, see that they are properly served up, that everything is on the table before the family sit down, that suitable nourishment is provided for the sick, proper order is observed at table, and that time is allowed for asking a blessing before each meal. She must be respectful and kind to every one in the house, and attentive as their circumstances may require; never let partiality be shown in any instance, but maintain the respect due to her station.

2d. The hours for meals shall be at the discretion of the Matron, under the advice of the Visiting Committee, and shall be announced by a card placed in some conspicuous place in the house. A bell shall be rung at least half an hour before the time appointed for each meal, immediately after which it shall be the duty of all persons in the house to prepare themselves to appear decently at table; and each meal shall be announced by the second ringing of a bell, when they shall all take their seats at the table, remain quiet during the asking of the blessing, and continue seated after the meal until thanks are returned.

3d. At ten o'clock P. M., all the lights in the house shall be carefully extinguished, except those in the chambers of the sick, and such others as the Matron may permit.

4th. The persons residing in the house (the sick excepted) shall take care to keep their respective chambers and furniture in a cleanly and wholesome condition; and the Matron shall visit each room, once at least every day, to see that this regulation is complied with strictly.

5th. They shall also pay due attention to the cleanliness and decent appearance of their own person; in this, as well as in regard to their conversation and behavior, carefully consulting not their own comfort only, but that of the other members of the family.

6th. One day in each week, weather permitting, shall be set apart by the Matron for the washing and ironing of the clothes; they shall perform this office for themselves under the Matron's direction, unless excused therefrom by order of the Visiting Committee, or in case of sickness; it shall also be their duty reasonably to assist the Matron, at her request, in all things which may be necessary, in the cleanliness and economy of the house; in cleansing and removing the table furniture after meals; and in nursing the sick.

7th. All the leisure time must be employed under the directions of the Matron, in knitting or sewing, either for themselves, each other, or for the general use of the house; and no work shall be done for persons out of the house except by permission of the Matron.

8th. None of the persons residing in the house shall go out without permission of the Matron, and in every instance must return to the house by 9½ o'clock P. M. If any one wishes to visit her friends, the place of such visit, and the probable length of her absence, must be mentioned when obtaining the Matron's permission, in order that no uneasiness may be felt on her account.

9th. It is particularly required that no inmate shall encourage visitors to come frequently to see her; nor shall she invite specially any one to the house or to the table without the Matron's permission. All visitors must leave the house by 9 o'clock P. M. No visitors will be admitted during the religious exercises of the house; nor on Sundays, except in such instances as the Matron may permit. All male visitors must be received in the parlor.

10th. No stimulants or spirituous liquors shall be allowed in the house except by order of the Physician; and in that case, to be administered by the Matron.

11th. The Institution finds beds, bedding, and furniture for the rooms; but should any inmate desire particularly to bring such articles of her own, the Matron may grant permission; with the clear and express understanding that when such articles are brought into the house, they shall belong to the Institution, and shall not be taken away.

12th. If, on the decease of any inmate of this house, it be found she has left property, the Managers have full power to charge for board of such individual; but if she shall have left any relations who are poor and deserving, the Managers may remit such charge.

13th. All those inmates whose health will permit are required to attend all the public religious services of the house, and on Sundays, and the established fasts and festivals, at one of the churches for Divine worship; and to improve their moral and religious condition by frequently reading the Holy Scriptures, and such religious books as shall be provided for them.

14th. And, as it is not possible to provide for every contingency, the Managers desire that the inmates should constantly remember that they have been admitted to a participation in the benevolence of this Institution as members of the Church of Christ; and that therefore all profane, indecent and intemperate language, as well as all controversy, and unkind and harsh feelings are inconsistent with their religious professions; and that their continual duty is to cultivate a spirit of meekness, and mutual kindness and forbearance, and to strive earnestly to comfort and alleviate one another in their sorrows, and to live together a united Christian family.

15th. These Rules shall be put up in some conspicuous place in the house, there to remain for the information of the inmates; they shall be read aloud by the Matron to every inmate on her admission, and to the family once in three months; and such parts thereof as she may deem necessary, more frequently. Infringement of these Rules, especially if repeated after admonition by the Matron, shall be reported by her, without favor or

partiality, to the Visiting Committee, who shall take the necessary order thereon.

16th. All persons who are or shall be inmates of this house shall be required to sign an agreement to abide by the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

Passed, Monday, September 9th, 1850.



